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Title of Invention: Electronic Auction

Inventors (please provide full names): Alaia, Marc et al

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This invention claims a method for electronic auction where A buyer solicits bids from a plurality of sellers (bidders) for Performing a service or purchasing certain products. Now, the buyer (say a company who wants to contract out some job or task) sets a ceiling* (or a limit) on how much each bidder may bid (quantity or price etc.). some bidders qualify for a higher limit (ceiling) than others depending on their qualification

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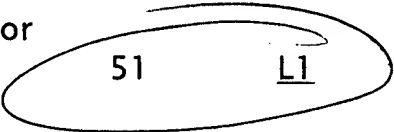
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